Allan Shivers Heads Democrats for Nixon

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AUSTIN, Tex., Oct. 9—Former Gov. Allan Shivers of Texas has been appointed chairman of the National Committee of Democrats for Nixon-Agnew, composed primarily of conservative former officeholders.

Shivers, who retired from office in 1957 after 7½ years as Governor, now has supported four of the last five Republican presidential candidates. He supported President Johnson in 1964.

Shivers carried Texas into the Eisenhower fold in 1952 and 1956, while he was in office as a Democrat. He supported Nixon in 1960 but John F. Kennedy carried Texas.

Shivers said he is supporting Nixon "with a new concern that he is not only the best choice, but that he offers our only real hope for preserving fiscal integrity and responsibility in the administration of this country's government."

Shivers, former president and now chairman of the board of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said he will support all Democratic candidates for state and congressional offices in Texas.

Named as the steering committee for Shivers' committee were former Gov. James F. Byrnes of South Carolina, former Gov. Robert F. Kennon of Louisiana, former Gov. Raymond Gary of Oklahoma, former Gov. Sam Houston Jones of Louisiana, former Mayor Vincent Impelliteri of New York City, former Rep. Morgan Moulder of Missouri and Rep. A. Sydney Herlong Jr. of Florida.